## WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 Evergreen, Louisiana

**Annual Financial Statements** 

DECEMBER 31, 2014

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Commissioners Webster Parish Fire Protection District #1 Evergreen, Louisiana

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, a component unit of the Webster Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 19 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's basic financial statements. The other supplemental schedule and other information, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members and the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and other Payments to Agency Head are the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying

accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The accompanying other information, as listed in the table of contents, has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated June 26, 2015, on our consideration of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Minden, Louisiana June 26, 2015

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Evergreen, Louisiana

#### Statement of Net Position December 31, 2014

	Governmental Activities	
ASSETS		
Cash	\$	1,120
Receivables		196,310
Capital assets (net)		592,608
Total assets		790,038
LIABILITIES		
Liabilities:		•
Current Liabilities		
Current Portion of long-term debt		102,000
Non-Current Liabilities		
Bonds payable- long term portion		248,000
Total liabilities	<del></del>	350,000
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		242,608
Unassigned		197,430
Total net position	<u>\$</u>	440,038

Evergreen, Louisiana

## Statement of Activities For the year ended December 31, 2014

	Governmental Activities:	
	Net	
	(Expense)/	
	Revenue	
Governmental activities:		
Expenses:		
Fire Protection Fees	\$ 174,881	
Interest expense	\$ 3,937	
Office expense	63	
Depreciation expense	34,859	
Total Expenses	213,740	
General Revenues:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	190,152	
Fire Insurance Rebate	2,781	
Interest	67	
Other Income	282,487	
Total General Revenues	475,487	
Change in Net Position	261,747	
Net position - beginning	178,291	
Net position - ending	\$ 440,038	

Evergreen, Louisiana

#### Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Fund	
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,120
Accounts Receivable:		
Ad Valorem Taxes		196,310
Total assets	\$	197,430
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Protperty Taxes Uncollected		2,224
Total deferred inflows of resources		2,224
Fund Balance:		`
Fund Balance		
Unassigned		195,206
Total fund equity		195,206
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$	197,430

Evergreen, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Financial Statement of Net Position December 31, 2014

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Fund Balance, Total Governmental Fund (Statement C)	\$	195,206
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental		
fund		592,608
Deferred revenues are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund		2,224
Payables which do not use current financial resources are not		
reported in the governmental fund		(350,000)
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement A)	<u>\$</u>	440,038

Evergreen, Louisiana

## Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the year ended December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Fund	
Revenues:		
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	198,244
Fire Insurance Rebate		2,781
Other Income		632,487
Interest		67
Total revenues		833,579
Expenditures:		
Fire Protection Fees		174,880
Interest expense		3,937
Office expense		63
Capital Outlay		627,467
Total expenditures	~	806,347
Excess of revenues over expenditures		27,232
Fund balance at beginning of year	W-11-	167,974
Fund balance at end of year	\$	195,206

Evergreen, Louisiana

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net Change in Fund Balance, Governmental Fund (Statement E)	\$	27,232
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		592,608
The issuance of long-term debt (bonds) provides current financial resources to governmental funds. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of log-term debt.		(350,000)
Some revenues reported in the statement of activities are not available as current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as revenues in governmental fund		(8,093)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement B)	<u>\$</u>	261,747

Webster, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

#### INTRODUCTION

The Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 was created by resolution of the Webster Parish Police Jury in August 1980. The Webster Parish Police Jury served as the governing authority for the District until May 1987. In May 1987, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury created the Evergreen Fire Protection District in Claiborne Parish. At that time, the Webster Parish Police Jury passed a new resolution to coincide with the Claiborne Parish resolution. A Board of Commissioners was established consisting of two commissioners appointed by each police jury and a fifth commissioner appointed by those four. The fifth commissioner also serves as chairman of the board.

The Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department was established as a not-for-profit corporation in January 1987.

In May 1987, the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 entered into an agreement with the Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department. The Department agreed to provide fire protection for the District in consideration of all of the ad valorem taxes collected by the District. The agreement is for an indefinite time, cancelable by either party on six months' notice.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Webster, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The major individual governmental fund, which is the general fund, is reported in the fund financial statements.

### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Although most expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting, the measurement focus of a governmental fund significantly affects what items are to be considered expenditures in the governmental fund. Expenditures, and the related liabilities, are accrued when they are expected to be paid out of revenues recognized during the current period. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessment receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the government receives cash.

Webster, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

The District reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources, of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### C. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the district may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, the district may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

#### D. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of fixed assets or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Estimated
Description	Lives
Buildings and improvements	40 years
Machinery and equipment	5-10 years
Vehicles	5-15 years

Webster, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

#### E. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### 2. BUDGETS

The District uses the following budget practices:

- 1. The District prepares a proposed budget and submits it to the Board of Commissioners no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- 2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection (if required). At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- 3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
- 4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted by the Board of Commissioners prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- 5. Budgetary amendments involving the transfer of funds from one department, program or function to another or involving increases in expenditures which results from revenues exceeding amounts estimated require the approval of the Board of Commissioners. The budget has been amended one time, and the
- 6. Budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.
- 7. The budget for the general fund was not adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Webster, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

#### 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2014 the District has book balances totaling \$1,120 as follows:

Demand deposits		. \$	<u>1,120</u>
Total		\$	<u>1,120</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these bank balances must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times at least equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At December 31, 2014, the district has \$1,120 in collected bank balances. The deposits are secured from risk by \$1,120 of federal deposit insurance and no pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the district that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

#### 4. LEVIED TAXES

The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes for the year ended December 31, 2014:

2014 Levied <u>Millage</u>

District taxes:

Operations and maintenance 10.42 Taxable property valuation  $$\frac{17,823,395}{}$ 

Ad valorem taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

## Webster, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

#### 5. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2014:

Ad valorem taxes	\$ <u>196,310</u>
Total	\$ <u>196,310</u>

#### 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, for the District is as follows:

Governmental activities:	Beginning Balance	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Ending Balance
Capital assets being depreciated Vehicles Total capital assets being depreciated	\$	\$ <u>627,467</u> \$ <u>627,467</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>627,467</u> 627,467
	Beginning Balance	Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for: Vehicles Total accumulated depreciation		(34,859) (34,859)		(34,859) (34,859)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>592,608</u>	\$	\$ <u>592,608</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ <del>-</del>	\$ <u>592,608</u>	\$	\$ <u>592,608</u>

Depreciation expense of \$34,859 for 2014 was charged to the public safety function.

#### 7. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Due to the fact that the district has no employees, the district does not maintain a formal vacation and sick leave policy

Webster, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

#### 8. LONG-TERM OBLIGATION

The following is a summary of the change in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2014:

	General
Governmental Activities	Obligation Bonds
Balance January 1, 2014	\$ -
Additions	350,000
Deletions	Management and the second seco
Balance December 31, 2014	\$ <u>350,000</u>

On March 13, 2014, the District issued \$350,000 of 7 year general obligation bonds. Principal of the Bonds is payable at the principal corporate trust office of Argent Trust. Interest on the Bonds is payable semiannually on March 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, commencing September 1, 2014, by check mailed to the registered owner. Interest is variable between 2.75% and 3.00%. The Bonds are in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity, in fully registered form.

The Bonds maturing March 1, 2018, and thereafter, are callable by the Issuer in full or in part at any time on or after March 1, 2018, and if in part, in the inverse order of their maturities, and if less than a full maturity, then by lot within such maturity, at the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

The Bonds are secured by and payable from unlimited *ad valorem* taxation. The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and improving buildings, machinery and equipment, including both real and personal property, title to which shall be in the public, to be used in giving fire protection to the property in the Issuer, said Bond having been authorized at an election held on March 13, 2014.

Interest expense paid during 2014 for debt service totaled \$3,937.26. The following is a schedule of future debt service payments.

#### Webster, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

#### Webster Parish Fire Protection District #1 Schedule of Future Bond Payments 12/31/2014

<u>Year</u>	Principal <u>Due</u>	Interest <u>Due</u>	Total Debt <u>Service</u>
2015	102,000.00	5,520.00	30,520.00
2016	105,000.00	4,945.00	29,945.00
2017	107,000.00	4,320.00	30,320.00
2018	36,000.00	3,627.50	30,627.50
Total	\$350,000.0 <u>0</u>	\$23,752.50	\$213,752.50

#### 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Webster Parish Fire Protection District #1 has a working relationship with Evergreen Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire District collects the Ad Valorem taxes and transfer the money as needed to the Fire Department, which maintains fire protection services in the area.

#### 10. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The district was not involved in any litigation as of December 31, 2014 nor was it aware of any unasserted claims.

#### 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District attempts to minimize risk from significant losses through the purchase of insurance.

Webster, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

#### 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 26, 2015. This date represents the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Evergreen, Louisiana

Governmental Fund Types
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget (Cash Basis) and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Special Revenue Fund Variance with **Budgeted Amounts** Final Budget Over (Under) Original Final Actual Revenues Ad Valorem Taxes \$ 185,313 \$ 172,032 \$ 185,313 (13,281)Fire Insurance Rebate 2,500 2,500 2,781 281 Interest 67 67 Other Income 600 600 441,987 441,387 **Total Revenues** 188,413 616,867 428,454 188,413 **Expenditures** Fire Protection Fees 188,413 174,880 13,533 188,413 Interest expense 3,937 (3,937)Office expense 63 (63)Capital Outlay 436,967 (436,967)**Total Expenditures** 188,413 188,413 615,847 (427,434)Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expeditures 1,020 1,020 Beginning Fund Balance 100 100 100 **Ending Fund Balance** 100 100 1,120 1,020 \$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the management of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District #1

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 17, 2015.

#### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 1's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

#### Management's Response to Findings

The District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of current year findings and recommendations and management's corrective action plan. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Minden, Louisiana

June 26, 2015

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

#### Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Board Members For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

The following serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District #1 with no payment for their services as of December 31, 2014

Randy Crittenden Chairman
Denise Miller Sec/Treasurer
RO Machen Member
Buddy Thomas Member
Glenn Johnston Member

## Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Agency Head Name: Randy Crittenden Chairman

No salary or benefits are paid to Agency Head

Total salary and other benefits <u>-0-</u>

#### WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 Evergreen, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

There were no findings for the year ended December 31, 2013.

#### WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1 Evergreen, Louisiana

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Recommendations and Management's Corrective Action Plan As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

Finding 2014-1 – Budgeting

Criteria: RS: 39:1307 requires publication and public hearing when the spending is over \$500,000.

RS: 39:1311 requires amendment of the budget if expenditures are exceeding 5% or more of the budgeted expenditures

Condition: The budget was not amended or published in official journal.

Cause: Normally the budget is below \$500,000. Special Revenue Funds are not required to amend budget if below the \$500,000 level. During 2014 the district received bond proceeds to purchase vehicles and the purchases were not made. The bond proceeds and the capital outlay was not included in the budget.

Effect: District was not in compliance with budget law.

Recommendation: Board review the budget law and in the future if expenditures exceed \$500,000 proper publication and amendments be made.

Management Response: The board approved the bond proceeds and purchase of vehicles. This was an unusual one-time transaction and the board did not think about amending the budget for the expenditure since it was money in and out for a specific purpose. In the future if expenditures are above \$500,000 the board will adhere to all budget law requirements.